Oxford success in QS rankings

The University of Oxford has come top in five subject areas in the latest and highly-regarded QS rankings, the highest number of subject firsts in the UK. In the rankings, published on Friday 27 February, Oxford was number one for English Language & Literature, Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Archaeology, Anthropology, and Geography, plus in the broad subject area of Arts and Humanities. Globally this comes below only MIT and Harvard for numbers of top subject spots. The results also reflect a broader performance boost among British universities, which takes thirteen number-one ranks, an increase of three on last year.

Brexit advice updated

Advice has been updated for Oxford Students about the UK leaving the EU. It follows a special event on Thursday 21 February where Vice-Chancellor Professor Louise Richardson spoke to students on a range of Brexit-related issues including travel and immigration, fees and funding
Parks College Q&A sessions

Parks College is a proposed new graduate college, located on the historic Radcliffe Science Library (RSL) site, which will focus on interdisciplinary research in the 21st century. Students are invited to attend one of two Q&A sessions, on Tuesday 5 or Wednesday 13 March, to find out more about the proposed new college and redevelopment of the RSL site. (Image credit: Bodleian Libraries)
Feed back on student campaigns and win a £25 Amazon voucher

We want to know your thoughts on some of the student-focused communications campaigns the University has run this academic year. Complete this five-minute survey for a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher. Your feedback will contribute to campaign evaluations and will help to shape future campaigns.

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Oxford SU Teaching Awards

Nominations are open for the Oxford SU's Student-Led Teaching Awards. This is a chance to celebrate those teachers and support staff who have really gone the extra mile to improve your experience at Oxford. To see the full range of categories and nominate someone, visit the Oxford SU website. Oxford SU will let all nominees know that they were nominated but all nominators will remain anonymous.

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Exam Schools Easter closure dates

The Examination Schools will be closed from 5pm on Wednesday 17 April. The building will re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 23 April. If you plan to submit work during this holiday period, the building will be closed for submissions delivered in person, by post or by courier. Submissions made via the Examination Schools post box will not obtain proof of submission.

Upcoming ceremonies

The next Degree Ceremonies will be held on Saturday 9 March at 11am and 2.30pm, and the next matriculation ceremony on Thursday 7 March at 12.30pm. Your college will provide further information. For a guide on who should and who should not matriculate, visit the Oxford Students website.

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Research degree students: keep your card active

If you are studying for a research degree, you need to ensure your University card remains active for the duration of your final examination so that you can upload your thesis to the RTDS portal and access any documents your examiners may upload after your viva. If you need to renew your card, get in touch with your college office.
Plagiarism avoidance course

This lunch time session on Tuesday 5 March provides support in learning how to avoid unintentional plagiarism. You’ll have a chance to put a piece of your own writing through Turnitin and interpret the results. More information and course booking on the IT Learning Centre’s website.

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Language Centre intensive courses

Missed out on learning a modern foreign language this term, or want to improve your academic English? A range of Week 9 Intensive language courses are now open for enrolment. Courses include Academic English (written communication – thesis and dissertation) and a range of levels in a variety of modern languages, including Arabic, French, German, Italian, Mandarin and Spanish.

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Inspired by Oxford? Enter the Graduate Photography Competition

If you're inspired by Oxford or just want to show off your photography skills, enter the Graduate Photography Competition. Prizes this year include two grand prizes of £250 each in Amazon vouchers and four weekly prizes of £25 each in Amazon vouchers. Participants can enter online until Thursday 14 March. Find out more of the official Graduate Photography Competition webpage.

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Students put on a great show for the new Canvas VLE

How do you show the University what the new Canvas virtual learning environment can do for teaching and learning? You put on a play, of course! The Edward Boyle auditorium at St Hilda’s college was the scene for a very different approach to information sharing at Oxford. The Canvas@Oxford programme, which will deliver Canvas across the University, performed a play in front of an audience of academics and administrators, which showed how Canvas could be combined with the flipped classroom teaching method to deliver engaging and non-traditional teaching experiences.

You’re leaving already?!

Come and find out what it means to be an Oxford alumnus at our upcoming Leavers’ Fair, 10-11 June at the Town Hall. Explore all the benefits and offers you will receive as an alumnus, along
with exclusive discounts, a chance to talk careers and giveaways. And of course receive the iconic Alumni Card. See you in June.

Welfare & Wellbeing

University Mental Health Day

This year’s University Mental Health day, on Thursday 7 March, is all about the power of using your voice. We all have mental health, we all have stories to share and we can all use our voices to shape the future of student mental health. Use your voice this #UniMentalHealthDay and join a movement of people sharing their experiences. To find out more about getting involved, visit the University Mental Health Day website.
Did you know you could apply for club and society funding?

Once a term, the Clubs Committee meets and makes awards to clubs and societies who have applied for funding. Last term, funding was granted to various clubs, including the Oxford University Polish Society, who were awarded £1,000 towards the organisation of a formal hall in college to mark Independence Day. The event was attended by several Polish dignitaries. If you think your club or society could benefit from a grant or loan, you can find an application form online. Applications need to be submitted by Monday of 4th week each term.

Research & Innovation

Research highlight: Oxford Researchers carry out the world's first gene therapy operation
Researchers in Oxford have carried out the world’s first gene therapy operation to tackle the root cause of age-related macular degeneration, the UK’s most common cause of sight loss, at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

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Volunteers needed to help develop TB vaccines

The Jenner Institute is looking for volunteers in the Oxford area for a BCG challenge study in healthy adults to help develop TB vaccines. If you are aged 18-50, in good health, have never received BCG and have not taken part in a trial or study where TB trial vaccines have been used, you may be eligible to participate. Participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel from £665 to £705.

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